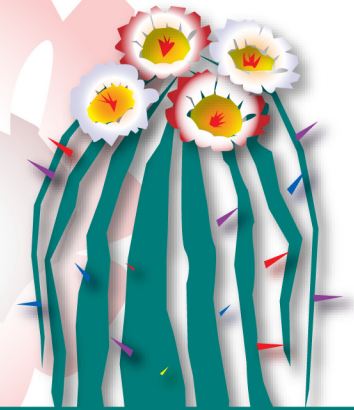




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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Glendale Lights and Shopping Fun This Friday! Residents and visitors are invited to discover downtown Glendale after dark this Friday, August 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. to enjoy late night shopping and dining in Catlin Court & Old Towne at Friday Nite Lights!

Shoppers may start their shopping journey at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a downtown map, a Shop Glendale discount card and take a spin on the Shop Glendale prize wheel.

Some special activities in August include a cool treat for our four-legged friends at Papa Ed's Ice Cream and a new needle felting class at Bears & More where participants will walk out with a finished animal to take home along with a needle and the basic skills of needle felting. In addition, AZ Dolls and Gifts will be offering doll appraisals (one free per customer). Check visitglendaleaz.com for pricing and times.

In addition to great summer shopping deals and promotions, there is a back-to-school drive, which will benefit local Glendale elementary schools. The Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, and many downtown businesses will have collection boxes available for people to donate school items. Needed items include new backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, paper, folders, binders, crayons and glue. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500 for more information.



Back-to-School Teachers Fair. The city of Glendale is hosting a free Back-to-School Teachers' Fair on Wednesday, September 2, from 4-7 p.m. The fair will take place at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown Street. Teachers can enter a raffle, enjoy refreshments, and collect free materials for their classrooms.

The event will connect teachers with nine city of Glendale departments and twelve local agencies that provide high-quality classroom resources, which are aligned to the Arizona Academic Standards. Teachers will receive lesson plans and information about field trips, guest speaker presentations, and activities for their classrooms. The city of Glendale is partnering with several agencies and businesses to provide this unique opportunity for teachers.

For more information, call (623) 930-3535. Registration for this free event is limited to teachers in Glendale schools. To register, please call (623) 930-3539 or e-mail cgrote@glendaleaz.com by August 28.



This Glendale library, built in 1938, was replaced by the Velma Teague branch in Murphy Park.

Glendale History: Velma Teague. Ever wonder how the city's downtown library got its name? On June 1, 1935, Mrs. Velma Teague was hired as head librarian and served until her death in 1969. She recognized the need for excellent books to stimulate young and old minds. She dreamed that a larger library would one day replace the smaller one in Murphy Park. Preliminary plans were approved for a larger library in 1967. Mrs. Teague died in 1969 before the new 15,000 sq. ft. library was finished, but she knew that the new library would be named for her. The Velma Teague Library opened in September 1971. Want to learn more about Glendale history? [Click here](#) for a link to a wealth of historical information and photos online.

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this monthly gathering. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Join us on Thursday, August 27 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2035.

Free Social Networking Media Class. Whether you are looking for a job, promoting a business, want to connect with others, monitor your children or grandchildren, or just understand the emerging technologies so that you are not left behind, you can no longer afford to ignore the new media. Attend the free "Can the New Social Networking Media Click for You?" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 27 in the Roadrunner Room of Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The program is presented by the Scottsdale Boomerz. RSVP at (480) 990-1450 or go to www.BoomerzAZ.com to sign up.

The Business Forum Holds First Meeting. The Business Forum will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 2 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. Each month a featured speaker will entertain and inform on a variety of topics. This month Granison Shines, copywriter, marketing strategist and founder of Shines Marketing. com, will present proven solutions for boosting your marketing return on investment. Well-known businesswoman Joan Howard is lending her expertise in facilitating The Business Forum. Contact her at (602) 725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.

National Teddy Bear Day. Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Start the fun at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Pick up your maps, coupons and gift bag (for the first 500 visitors) and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Hop on board the cool and comfortable Glendale Express Shuttle, which will provide rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for giveaways and great deals. [Click here](#) for more information on Teddy Bear Day and the Teddy Bear drive to benefit the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program.

Stop In for Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on September 5 in the small meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call (602) 745-7250.

Ice Cream Social at Foothills. Here's the scoop! Join us from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, September 12 at [Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center](#), 5600 W. Union Hills Drive, for the 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social. Make your own ice cream sundaes, play games and enjoy great music. Admission is \$1 with proceeds supporting Foothills' family programs. For more information, call (623) 930-4610.

Arab American Festival. The Arab American Festival returns to downtown Glendale on September 26 & 27 from noon to 10 p.m. each day. The event includes more than 40 singers, musicians and dancers from all over the Arab World. Activities include kids rides, a Hookah Lounge and an Arabic Food Court. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free Landscape Class: How to Set Your Water Timer. Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill. This class provides hands-on instruction on how long and how often to run your water system as well as practice setting timers using actual timers. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29 at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

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